



## **2013 Veterans Day Reflections**

On November 11<sup>th</sup> each year, we observe Veterans Day, a day to honor the millions who have served and are serving in the United States military. These men and women bear the truths of war and conflict, carrying valuable life stories about what it means to serve side-by-side with others to defend and preserve our nation's freedom.

For many of our veterans, their stories are filled with pride, yet punctuated by physical and spiritual wounds that have changed their lives forever.

Let us commit to make every day Veterans Day when there is always occasion to listen to our veterans and to say to them, "Thank you for your service."

And for the men and women who have returned home from their tours of duty to face enormous health, social, and economic challenges, let us pledge to them, "Let us now fight for you."

Thank you, United States veterans. Peace and strength to you and your families.